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SUBJ: PAPERS ON RHODESIAN SANCTIONS

1. CONGEN HAS BEEN APPROACHED BY MAN CALLING HIMSELF DAVID GOLDTHORPE, WITH REQUEST THAT WE SEND, BY DIPLOMATIC FACILITIES, CERTAIN PAPERS, ALLEGEDLY RELATING RHODESIAN SANCTIONS AND SOUTH AFRICAN INTELLIGENCE, TO CONTACT IN U.S.

2. GOLDTHORPE SAYS HE IS BRITISH SUBJECT, PERMANENTLY RESIDENT IN U.S., WHO WORKS FOR EXPORT-IMPORT COMPANY CALLED INTEREXSA, G.M.B.H., REGISTERED IN HAMBURG. GOLDTHORPE'S ADDRESS IS U.S. OFFICE OF COMPANY AT 1270 WEST CENTURY BOULEVARD, ENGLEWOOD, CALIFORNIA. SAYS HE TRAVELS WIDELY IN EUROPE AND SOUTHERN AFRICA, AND ON THE SIDE (SOMETIMES FOR EXPENSE MONEY) FURNISHES INFORMATION ON RHODESIAN SANCTIONS VIOLATIONS, ARMS TRADE, ETC. TO HIS UNCLE-IN-LAW, SIR HARRY JEFFRIES, WHOM HE DESCRIBES AS FORMER RHODESIAN FEDERATION MINISTER WHO NOW LIVING IN WASHINGTON AND COOPERATING WITH UN ON SANCTIONS ENFORCEMENT. GOLDTHORPE SAYS HE HAS ENVELOPE OF PAPERS AND DOCUMENTS, ABOUT AN INCH THICK, WITH LISTS OF PEOPLE, COMPANIES, ETC., INVOLVED IN RHODESIAN SANCTION BREAKING, ARMS TRADE, SOUTH AFRICAN INTELLIGENCE (BOSS) AGENTS IN GERMANY AND U.S., ETC., WHICH HE WISHES TO TRANSMIT VIA POUCH TO SIR HENRY

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JEFFRIES FOR APPROPRIATE USE, SAYS HE AFRAID TRY TO COPY THEM

OR SEND BY OPEN MAIL, PARTLY BECAUSE MOZAMBIQUE COMPANIES IMPLICATED.

3. ACCORDING GOLDTHORPE, HE ARRIVED IN DURBAN, SOUTH AFRICA, ABOUT FIVE WEEKS AGO ON LYKES LINE FREIGHTER FROM U.S., AND WAS SHORTLY AFTER ARRESTED BY POLICE AND HELD FOR A MONTH BEFORE BEING RELEASED ON BAIL ON NOMINAL CHARGE OF POSSESSING UNLICENSED PISTOL. THINKS POLICE WERE TIPPED OFF BY CONTACT. HE PROMPTLY TOOK HIS PAPERS (WHICH APPARENTLY HAD BEEN IN SAFEKEEPING), JUMPED BAIL, AND -- HAVING THROUGH ERROR NOT BEEN DEPRIVED OF HIS BRITISH PASSPORT -- MADE HIS WAY THROUGH SWAZILAND TO LOURENCO MARQUES, WHERE HE NOW PLANS FLY BACK TO U.S. WHILE IN CUSTODY IN DURBAN, HE SAYS HE CONTACTED AND WAS ASSISTED BY CONSULAR OFFICER EGAN, TO WHOM HE GAVE PARTIAL VERSION OF HIS STORY. (SAYS HE WENT TO US CONGEN BECAUSE HE HAS BEEN TOLD TO AVOID UK REPRESENTATIVES). HE ABANDONED TWO SUITCASES (CLOTHES ONLY HE SAYS) IN DURBAN, WHICH HAD BEEN SEIZED BY POLICE BUT WERE SUBSEQUENTLY DELIVERED TO APARTMENT OF AN ACQUAINTANCE (EVERETT, 1 AMSTERDAM COURT, 385 ESSENWOOD ROAD, DURBAN) WHOM HE NOW SUSPECTS OF BEING POLICE INFORMER. EXPRESSED HOPE USG MIGHT BE ABLE TO GET THEM AND FORWARD THEM HERE WITH OUT REVEALING WHERE HE WAS.

4. GOLDTHORPE IS FORTY-ISH, MIDDLE-HEIGHT, BLACK, WAVY HAIR, BAD FRONT TEETH WITH GOLD CAP, MODERATELY GOOD LOOKING IN CRAGGY SORT OF WAY, MILD ENGLISH ACCENT, GENERALLY GLIB AND CHUMMY MANNER. SAY HE STAYING "WITH FRIENDS" IN LOURENCO MARQUES, PROMISES RETURN CONGEN SEPTEMBER 13 WITH IDENTITY PAPERS TO SEE IF WE HAVE ANYTHING TO SAY TO HIM. APPEARS CONFIDENT THAT DEPARTMENT KNOWS ALL ABOUT SIR HARRY JEFFRIES AND HIS ANTI-SANCTIONS ACTIVITIES, AND THAT JEFFRIES WOULD VOUCH FOR HIM.

5. I TOLD GOLDTHORPE I COULD ONLY MAKE INQUIRIES, AND COULD UNDERTAKE NOTHING WITHOUT AUTHORIZATION.

6. REQUEST INSTRUCTIONS.

7. FOR DURBAN: HAVE YOU ANY LIGHT TO CAST ON CASE?
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